

**LETTER FROM LOUIS KRAFFT**  
(Communicated.)  
Hilgardstrasse, Kaiserslautern, Paris, November 16, 1915—Permit me to appeal to your sense of fairness by publishing the following answer to your editorial remarks of September 27th, which contain so many misleading statements and give an entirely erroneous impression of conditions existing in the German empire at the present time. I am inclined to believe that the wish has been the father of your thoughts, and I hope that by this time you will have detected that your gloomy view of German conditions is not justified by facts. In the first place it was never expected by any of the leaders of German military affairs that this war would be of short duration, knowing Germany had nearly the whole world fight. It was therefore evident at the start that this war would not possibly be a short one, and Germany was prepared for this emergency. The common people, of course, hoped the war would soon come to an end, but as early as September, 1914, I heard one of the most popular German generals predict that it would take about two years to decide this war in favor of Germany, and it has become more apparent from day to day that his prediction was a correct one.

The decided smashes by the allies (all lies) on the western front of which you speak have never materialized, and I suppose by this time you are ready to admit it; neither has the advance of the imperial armies in the east been halted. On the contrary, the advance and the success of those armies have been so remarkable that the Russian army in the east is crippled to such an extent that for several years to come it will not count as a fighting factor. I suppose by this time you are also conscious of this fact.

The economic as well as the financial situation in Germany is most excellent, and certainly better than the financial and economic situation of all her enemies combined. She gets all the money she needs for the successful prosecution of this war from her own people at 5 per cent. and is not compelled to go begging for money in the United States at 7 per cent. and then only get one half of the amount asked for, like England. I suppose by this time you are also aware of this fact. The three war loans in which the government asked for 20,000,000 marks were complete successes. The money was given very cheerfully in full, and I doubt very much whether the German paper you quote said anything to the contrary, but I am convinced that this in one of the notorious English lies. Germany will not be forced to issue paper money that cannot be maintained at par with gold, which even the United States had to do in the war of the rebellion.

That Germany is making efforts to raise new armies in consequence of their fearful losses and that the classes of 1917, 1918, and 1919 are being called on is not true. On the contrary the classes of 1916 men remain at home yet, and there are several millions of well-drilled and equipped troops stationed at different fortifications which have never been in the field yet.

The prices of foodstuffs are by far not as high as you state, and notwithstanding there has been a considerable advance in the prices of foodstuffs that Germany has to import, living, on the whole, is today not any higher than it is in the United States. For instance potatoes are selling at 75 cents for 100 pounds, German weight, which is 10 per cent. more than English weight; turnips at 60 cents per 100 pounds, carrots for \$1. Country butter sells at 40 cents and beef at 25 cents a pound. The only meat this is high is pork, which sells at 37 cents, and lard at 40 cents. But even pork has a downward tendency as on account of the ample supply of cheap potatoes, a great many hogs are being raised and fattened. Bread sells at 4 cents a pound, and since navigation on the Danube has been opened enormous quantities of corn, rye and wheat are coming in, as well as petroleum and other products. There is no danger of a famine; nobody walks barefooted in winter time, and Germany is in a position besides to feed and clothe her two millions of prisoners of war without any trouble.

The fact that the all-mighty commander-in-chief of the Russian armies has been relegated to an inferior post in the Caucasus is conclusive proof that the mastery retreat of the armies under his command is all bosh, and that army today is no more able to cope with the victorious German troops than General R. E. Lee was at the surrender at Appomattox.

The Serbian army is almost crushed by combined German, Austrian and Bulgarian forces, and the proceedings in the English Parliament

in the last few days prove that the time is not far distant when the allies will be compelled to acknowledge the superiority of German organization and will ask for peace. The achievements of the German armies so far, are unparalleled in the world's history, and every one here is perfectly confident of the final success of the German arms.

LOUIS KRAFFT.  
SHOOT ONE OF JOY RIDERS.

Night Policeman's Bullet Lodges In Woman's Neck.

Towanda, Pa., Dec. 12.—Clayton Bird, a liveryman from Dushore, while speeding through Towanda, with five young ladies early yesterday morning, refused to stop his car when commanded to do so by Night Officer Wiggins, and the officer fired three shots in an effort to puncture the tires of Bird's machine.

One of the bullets struck a stone in the road and deflecting struck Miss Gertrude Cunningham, of Dushore, who was riding in the machine driven by Bird. The bullet lodged in the back of her neck.

Bird is charged with exceeding the speed limit.

The officer, riding on the step of a car driven by Dr. Schwartz, pursued Bird a mile before the shots were fired.

FLASH TAKES LIFE ON BAY

Gasoline Stove Explodes on Launch, Hurting Owner Overboard.

Wilmington, Del. Dec. 13.—Howard Price Armstrong, aged 34, was blown overboard and drowned, and his father Howard O. Armstrong, aged 60, was seriously burned by an explosion of gasoline on the motorboat Signet, owned by the son, in the middle of Delaware Bay about eight miles north of Woodland Beach, late Saturday night. The dead man was superintendent of the Harris Marine Engine Company, of this city.

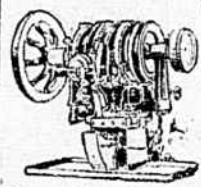
GERMANS IN PERSIA.

They Are Trying to Divert the Russians to Allow the Turks to Save Bagdad.

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—The Germans in Persia are seeking to divert the attention of the Russian army of the Caucasus, according to the Russky Invalid and cause it to scatter its forces over a large front in order to allow the Turks to throw a part of their troops into the Mesopotamian campaign to save Bagdad.

The Retch expresses the belief that the plan of the Germans to force the Dvina River while it is frozen over, is not practicable, as the winter is extremely rigorous with heavy snow which hampers the movement of motor vehicles and prevents the transport of sufficient munitions.

Colonel Robert White, chairman of the executive committee that had charge of the foundation of the Confederate Memorial Institution, and well-known in Richmond Confederate circles, died shortly after the noon hour yesterday at his home in Pleasant Valley, a suburb of Wheeling, W. Va. Colonel White was born in Romney, then in Virginia, but now in West Virginia, on February 7, 1833.



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ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 11, 1915.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 11th day of January 1916, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Alexandria, Va., December 10th, 1915

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house on January 11th, 1916, at 11 a. m. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, of Alexandria, Va., December 11, 1915.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on TUESDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY, 1916, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Capitol Park Hotel Co., incorporated, will be held on the 12th day of December 1915, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the principal office of the company, in the state of Virginia, 119 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and receiving and acting upon the reports of the officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated the 4th day of November 1915.  
EDWARD L. HILLYER Secretary

NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The Potomac Savings Bank of Georgetown, D. C., for the election of a Board of Directors and any and all other business properly coming before the meeting, will be held at the principal office of the Company, in Alexandria, Virginia (being the office of James H. and Harry E. Caton, Attorneys), at three o'clock, p. m., on the 14th day of December, 1915.

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Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia. The annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the Company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday the 3rd of January, 1916, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered.

The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 3rd day of January. W. M. SLATER, President. ALBERT HARPER, Sec. & Treas.

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Home Savings Bank of Washington, D. C., will be held at Hotel Fleischmann, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, the 11th day of December, 1915, at 2:30 p. m. ALEX. S. CLARK, Secy.

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